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TWO UM ANTHROPOLOGY STUDENTS
ASSIST IN ARCHAEOLOGY SURVEY
OF PRYOR MOUNTAINS NEAR BILLINGS

MISSOULA--

Two students in the University of Montana Department of Anthropology are participating in a 10-week archaeological survey in the Pryor Mountains, 40 miles south of Billings.

Students from UM participating in the survey are Alan Carmichael, Missoula, and Colleen Atchison Shaia, Billings.

The survey is under the direction of Lawrence L. Loendorf, a former UM instructor in anthropology, who is now a faculty member at the University of North Dakota (UND), Grand Forks.

Carmichael is field supervisor during the 10-week survey. He said his assistants at various archaeological sites include Shaia; Ann Easter, Missoula, a student at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., and a number of survey crew members from UND.

Loendorf began conducting professional archaeological surveys in the Pryor Mountains in the summer of 1968 while he was a member of the UM faculty. Funds for the surveys have been provided by the National Park Service, U. S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

Carmichael said the purpose of this summer's archaeological research in the Pryors is to determine the seasonal utilization of alpine meadows, conifer slopes, river bottoms and breaks, and limestone ridges by any aboriginal (pre-white) inhabitants of the various sites.

Early archaeological discoveries made by Loendorf and survey crews in the Pryors included wikiups or wooden houses approximately 100 to 150 years old, cave sites about 4,000 years old, tepee ring sites, pictograph and rock art sites, a number of vision quest structures and other sites dating to about 6,000 years ago.

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